

**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 5, line 22:

With continued reference to FIGURE 3, two hybrid laminates, 20c and 20d, show alternate configurations having both the interleaved interleaved titanium foil layers 12a and the inventive layers 13 (see FIGURE 1) having a cutout 14 and including titanium foil 12 within the cutout 14. Where the interleaves extend nearly to the anticipated profile of the ramp, the laminate 20c results having a ramp of  $j$  in length and a thickness of  $r$ . Generally, the ramp lengths  $j, k$  in the laminate structures 20c, 20d are shorter than the ramp lengths  $l, i$  of the prior art laminate structures 20, 20a. In one aspect of the present invention, the ramp length of the inventive laminate structures 20c, 20d may be decreased in proportion to the ratio of the number of interleaved titanium foils 12a to the total number of titanium foils 12 and 12a. Similarly, the thicknesses  $r, s$  of the pad-up of the laminate structures 20c, 20d are thinner the thicknesses  $t_2, p$  of the pad-up of the prior art laminate structures 20, 20a. Again, in a particular aspect of the present invention, the difference in thickness may be proportional to the ratio the number interleaved titanium foils 12a bears to the total number of titanium foils 12 and 12a.

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